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E.O. 11652: N/A

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SUBJECT: PROPOSED US VISIT BY CAR MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE

1. RE CONCERNS EXPRESSED YOUR 12/11 LETTER, I DISCUSSED VISIT WITH DA SILVA ON 12/9 WHICH WAS FIRST APPOINTMENT AVAILABLE AFTER TEXT ARRIVED. (STATE 267130) WHEN DA SILVA ASKED WHETHER IT WOULD BE POSSIBLE IN WASHINGTON TO NEGOTIATE FOR AMERICAN AID TO CAR AGRICULTURE, I TOLD HIM IN MY OPINION HE WOULD NOT HAVE SUCCESSFUL VISIT IF HE TRIED TO CONSIDER IT A NEGOTIATING TRIP. I ADVISED HIM TO LOOK UPON HIS STAY IN US AS OPPORTUNITY TO BECOME ACQUAINTED WITH AMERICAN AGRICULTURAL PRACTICE IN FIELDS OF INTEREST TO CAR, TO MAKE CONTACT WITH AMERICAN OFFICIALS AND TO LEARN SOMETHING ABOUT STRUCTURE OF AMERICAN GOVERNMENT AS IT RELATES TO AGRICULTURE. HE APPEARED TO UNDERSTAND AND TRIP PLANNING SHOULD BE ON BASIS DESCRIBED ABOVE. (SEE 12/14 LETTER TO PYLE.)

2. DA SILVA DID NOT ORIGINALLY MENTION AID IN REQUESTING INVITATION IN AUGUST, AND I THINK IT WOULD BE TOUR DE FORCE FOR AID TO SPONSOR DA SILVA'S TRIP TO US AND WOULD GIVE RISE TO UNREALISTIC EXPECTATIONS. AID/Y KNOWS ABOUT DA SILVA VISIT AND HAS EXPRESSED NO ENTHUSIASM FOR SPONSORSHIP.

3. HOWEVER, I RECOMMEND DA SILVA HAVE OPPORTUNITY TO MEET

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WITH AID PERSONNEL CONCERNED WITH AFRICA TO LEARN GENERAL

PICTURE OF AID POSSIBILITIES AND LIMITATIONS FIRST HAND AND WITH
OPIC TO DISCUSS ANY OPPORTUNITIES WHICH MAY EXIST FOR MIXED
COMPANIES IN CATTLE-RAISING WHILE HE IS IN WASHINGTON.

4. OTHER SUBJECTS WHICH WE BELIEVE COULD WELL BE WORKED
INTO HIS PROGRAM INCLUDE VISITS TO LOCALES SHOWING HOW WE
GROW COTTON, SORGHUM, SOY BEANS, CORN, AND RICE. IF
POSSIBLE, HE SHOULD HAVE CHANCE TO OBSERVE OPERATION OF
AGRICULTURAL EXTENSION SERVICE, FRUIT GROWER COOPERATIVES,
AND LARGE CATTLE RANCH.

5. DA SILVA AGREES TO PROGRAM ALONG ABOVE LINES, AND
ACCEPTS SECY BUTZ'S INVITATION FOR 1/22 APPOINTMENT ASSUMING
BOKASSA'S APPROVAL. HE PLANS ARRIVE WASHINGTON ON
JANUARY 19 VIA TWA 803 AT 1724 FOR WEEK OR TEN-DAY VISIT.
WE SUGGEST LATTER TO COVER PROGRAM ADEQUATELY. HE WILL BE
ACCOMPANIED BY ANDRE GOMBAKO, DIRECTOR OF LIVESTOCK AND ONE
OTHER WHOSE NAME HE WILL SUPPLY ASAP.

6. WE HAVE NOT MENTIONED PARTIAL GRANT AND CAR PLANS TO PAY
FOR TRIP BUT IF \$1,500 REMAINING IN EMBASSY'S FY 75 CU
ALLOTMENT WOULD TAKE CARE OF INTERNAL TRAVEL, ETC., FOR
MINISTER, IT WOULD BE HELPFUL GESTURE. PLEASE LET US KNOW HOW
MUCH OF TEN-DAY TRIP ABOVE SUM WOULD COVER AS IT IS
DIFFICULT TO ESTIMATE FROM HERE WITHOUT KNOWING WHERE HE WILL
ACTUALLY GO.

7. WILL SUPPLY ADDITIONAL DATA INCLUDING BIO AS IT BECOMES
AVAILABLE.
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